

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

DANITA ERICKSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

BIOGEN, INC,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C18-1029-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's motion to seal (Dkt. No. 65) exhibits filed in support of Plaintiff's response to Defendant's motion for summary judgment (Dkt. No. 66). Having thoroughly considered the filings and the relevant record, the Court finds oral argument unnecessary and hereby GRANTS the motion for the reasons explained herein.

"[T]here is a strong presumption of public access to [the Court's] files." W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 5(g)(3). The presumption of public access may be overcome if the Court finds a compelling reason to seal and articulates a factual basis for its decision. *Kamakana v. City & Cty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178–79 (9th Cir. 2006).

The Court previously entered the parties' stipulated protective order, which limits the disclosure of the parties' confidential information. (*See* Dkt. No. 10.) Defendant designated the exhibits at issue as "confidential" pursuant to the protective order, as they contain Defendant's sensitive financial, personnel, and business information. (*See* Dkt. No. 65 at 1.) Having reviewed

1 the exhibits, the Court agrees that they contain confidential information that falls within the  
2 scope of the protective order. (Dkt. No. 10.) Thus, a compelling reason to seal exists that  
3 overcomes the presumption of public access to the exhibits.

4 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff's motion to seal (Dkt. No. 65) is GRANTED. The  
5 Clerk is DIRECTED to maintain Docket Number 66 under seal until further order of the Court.

6 DATED this 25th day of September 2019.

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